

LEADING NEGROES MEET.

CONVENTION OF NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Conditions of the Race North and South Discussed by Its Ablest Representatives—Gratifying Reports Are Made of the Progress of the Negro Mentally and Industrially.

The National Negro Business League held its convention in Boston, commencing on Thursday morning and concluding on Friday night, and it is considered to have been one of the most representative gatherings of negroes ever held in the United States. There were present 115 delegates, representing various lines of business in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Delaware, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts. Some interesting statistics regarding the industrial condition of the negroes were made public and papers were read and discussed regarding the condition of the race in general. The leading spirit of the occasion was Booker T. Washington.

ALMOST SCALPED IN SHAPING.

Work Girl's Hair Was Caught in the Machinery in the Eagle Mill Factory.

Annie, one of the girls employed in the Eagle Mill Company's factory at 720 East Fourteenth street, lost nearly the whole of her scalp yesterday at noon by her hair becoming entangled in the machinery over her head. Her right hand was crushed so badly that the index finger had to be amputated at Bellevue Hospital. The injured girl was a shopmate of Kate Schan.

The List of Referees.

The following is a list of referees appointed in the Supreme Court last week:

Court.

By Justice Freedman..... Edward E. McColl, Cates vs. Klein. M. C. Minor

German American Real Estate Co. vs. Russell. Thomas F. Donnelly, Frank L. Mayham,

Withrow vs. Webeck. Thomas F. Donnelly, Frank L. Mayham

Franklin, Fortune & Co. vs. York. Colored Women's Business League, by Mrs. Alberta Moore Smith of Chicago, "artering and R-stating K-ensing," by Daniel L. Lewis of Kansas City.

Mo. vs. Negro Business Enterprise in the South, by Andrew F. Gilver of Washington, D. C., and Arthur J. Thompson of Little Rock, Ark. "Manufacturing," by John Maxon Brown of Macon, Ga.; "General Merchandising," by D. J. Cunningham of Birmingham, Ala., and others, turned up with an address by the Hon. Judge W. Lyons, regis-

ter of the United States Treasury.

The convention was called to order on Thurs-

day morning in Parker Memorial Hall by Dr. Samuel C. Courtney, Lewis F. Baldwin was elected temporary chairman and an address of welcome was delivered by John J. Smith of Boston. This was followed by a speech by A. F. Hiller. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is now a resident of Wash-

ington. He is regarded as a close student of the industrial conditions of the negro race and last winter was appointed by the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition as an ex-

pert agent to go to the industrial centres of the South and obtain information to be used at the Exposition. He said in part:

"The colored people are passing through a severe economic struggle. They are face to face with the most efficient and exacting people the world has ever known. Their death rate is the cities nearly twice as great as that of the whites. This is entirely due to low wages, poverty and ignorance. The dress is being driven off."

The colored man must meet the competition of his white neighbor with his superior capital and training and also the blight of distrust and jealousies of many of his own race. He has foes within and foes without, enemies in front and in the rear. In spite of these adverse con-

ditions a beginning has been made for the busi-

ness world that promises well for the future.

The colored people are rapidly increasing in property and thousands are saving money.

According to the census the colored had repre-

sented 1,446,000 in the census sched-

ules and there has been a wonderful in-

crease in this respect since then. The total num-

ber of negroes in business in 1890 was

20,000, including 1,172 agents and real estate

men, 12 contractors, 100 bakers and

brokers, 2,322 boarding and lodging-

house keepers, 139 druggists, 663 dry-

keepers, 135 dry-goods dealers, 1,529

grocers, 420 hotel keepers, 2,510 habbers, 904

liquor dealers, 359 livery stable keepers, 213

bank officials, 290 newsboys, 2,157 restauran-

keepers, 231 undertakers, 154 journalists and

publishers, 596 builders and contractors, 199

photographers, 17,480 barbers, 2,516 butchers,

718 tailors, 10,752 blacksmiths and 61 water-

makers.

"Colored men have not yet entered into pur-

suance to a great extent, although it must

be mentioned that they own a stove foundry

near Chattanooga, a cotton mill costing \$100,000

per month, N. H. A. carriage factory, N. H. A.

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